

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 803

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Janice E. Garrett Booker on her receipt of the Vanessa Rogers Long Humanitarian Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Dr. Janice E. Garrett Booker, who was selected to receive the Vanessa Rogers Long Humanitarian Award from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, at the 110<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day Celebration; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is a true exemplar of the Greek system at work in the present day yet firmly rooted in its historic mission, having grown from a single chapter established at Howard University in Washington, D.C., to an international organization with more than 250,000 members in 1,012 chapters throughout the United States and across six countries; and

WHEREAS, initiated as a member of the Gamma Kappa chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in 1974, Dr. Booker was a member of the Zeta Rho chapter in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, prior to relocating to Memphis, where she became a member of the Beta Epsilon Omega chapter; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Booker has achieved Life Membership and Silver Star status with Alpha Kappa Alpha and served on a number of the organization's committees, including the Standards, Founders' Day, Chapter Charter Day, Rituals, and Graduate Advisors' committees; and

WHEREAS, a retired educator, Dr. Janice Booker spent thirty-nine years as a math teacher and especially enjoyed molding the minds of students in her Algebra I classes, as her students gained understanding of the skills they thought they would never comprehend; and

WHEREAS, devoted to her family, Dr. Booker enjoys the love and support of her husband of thirty-nine years, Thomas R. Booker; their three children, Thomas Booker III, Courtney Pappas, and Garrett A. Booker; and their three beautiful grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Dr. Janice Garrett Booker who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Dr. Janice E. Garrett Booker on her receipt of the Vanessa Rogers Long Humanitarian Award and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.